Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Women generally do not object to being treated by men doctors. Wherever lady doctors are found necessary they are being appointed.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether there is any hospital for women and children in north Travancore?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: No.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know the reason why?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There was no urgent necessity for the same.

Mr. R. V. Thomas: What has become of the redistribution of hospitals in general and of women and children's hospital in particular in north Travancore?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: It is to be considered along with the reorganisation scheme of hospitals in the State:

Mr. P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Are there not many women going to General Hospital though there is a women and children's hospital.

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: Yes.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: How is it that the women do not go in larger numbers to the General Hospital?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: There is a separate hospital for women and children and yet many women go to General Hospital.

Covenant entered into with the Transport Superintendent.

24. ***Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the covenant entered into with Mr. Salter, Superintendent, State Transport?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The member is referred to pages 505 and 506 of the latest Civil List corrected up to the 1st Edavam 1113, wherein the contents of the covenant are given.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: May I know whether it is the practice to refer the member to other documents when answering a question?

President: Yes. It is allowed.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: Is there any stipulation that the Transport Superintendent will be given a portion of the gain realised in the Transport Scheme?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Yes, Sir. There is a stipulation in the covenant that he will be paid 5 per cent of the net profits if that exceeds 7½ per cent after deducting depreciation charges.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail: Is it over and above his pay and allowance?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Yes, Sir.

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Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail : Is there any other officer who is given such a concession ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : He is not an officer in the ordinary sense and he is in charge of a Commercial Department and brought down for that special purpose.

Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail : May I know whether there are not other commercial departments in the State ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : I do not think that there is any other department of Government like the Transport Department which is reckoned as commercial.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. K. M. Korah which reads thus :—

> "I intend moving for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the serious situation created by the pronouncement made in the Council yesterday, by the Secretary to Government and the Dewan that the Travancore State Congress, in view of the alleged propaganda by that body, questioning the soundness of the finances of the State, charging the Head of the Administration with corruption, and creating a run on the Anchal Savings Bank, is disloyal and subversive.

Now it will be remembered that yesterday morning there was a motion for adjournment of the business of the House. It will be also remembered that I gave time for the discussion and I asked the House to take it up for consideration at 3-30 P. M. Then it was pointed out by one honourable member that the discussion would infringe upon the time for the general discussion of the budget and the honourable member, the mover of the motion, withdrew it. Now the question itself was discussed at great length yesterday in the course of the general discussion. More than one honourable member referred to the views of the Government, the statement of the Chief Secretary, and the statement of the head of the administration, that the activities of certain members of the State Congress were disloyal and subversive. It is well known that so far as motions for adjournment are concerned, no such motion can be dealt with on a matter which has already been discussed in the same session. On that, precedents are clear. It has been ruled before that the proposal to revive discussion on a matter which has already been discussed need not be complied with. The decision is the same in England also.

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